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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5484

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (HENRY A. KISSINGER)

SUBJECT: SECVISIT - ADMIN ARRANGEMENTS

REFC STATE 236934

1. CUSTOMS, HEALTH, AND IMMIGRATION. WAIVER VISAS HAS BEEN OBTAINED. NOT NECESSACLY PROVIDE PASSPORT NUMBERS, PLACES AND DATES OF BIRTH. FSO JAMES M. MURRAY ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITY RECEIVE PASSPORTS AND SHOT RECORDS FROM CONTACT OFFICEC FOR BULK CLEARANCE.

2. ACCOMMODATIONS. OFFICE, EUIMENT, AND FURNISHINGS PRESENT NO PROBLEM AND WILL BE PROVIDED EXACTLY AS REQUESTED.

3. GROUND TRANSPORTATION.

A. EMBASSY'S VEHICLES ADEQUATE MEET PARTY'S NEEDS, INCLUDING SECURITY CLEARED CHAUFFEURS. SECRETARY WILL BE TRANSPORTED ARMORED/RADIO-EQUIPPED CHEVROLET SEDAN SINCE THIS MOST SECURE VEHICLE.

B. LEBANESE AUTHORITIES WILL PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR SECURITY ESCORT PURPOSES, AS WELL AS FOR THOSE NOT ACTIVELY ENGAGED OFFICIAL BUSINESS AND INTERESTED OTHER ACTIVITIES.

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C. CAR ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE FURNISHED AS SOON AS LIST OF

PARTY RECEIVED:

D. ESTIMATED SUNDAY DRIVING TIMES BETWEEN POINTS MENTIONED ARE AIRPORT TO EMBASSY 20 MINUTES MORNINGS, 30 MINUTES AFTERNOONS; AIRPORT TO EMBASSY 20 MINUTES MORNINGS, 30 MINUTES AFTERNOONS; AIRPORT TO FOREIGN MINISTRY 25 MINUTES MORNINGS, 35 MINUTES AFTERNOONS; AIRPORT TO RESIDENCE 15 MINUTES ANYTIME; RESIDENCE TO EMBASSY 30 MINUTES MORNINGS, 35 MINUTES AFTERNOONS; EMBASSY TO FOREIGN MINISTRY 15 MINUTES ANYTIME. OTHER DRIVING TIMES: AIRPORT TO PRESIDENTIAL PLACE 15 MINUTES ANYTIME; RESIDENCE TO PALACE 5 MINUTES ANYTIME.

4. COMMUNICATIONS. IS EMBASSY CORRECT IN ASSUMING TWO SIMULTANEOUS VOICE CONVERSATION TELEPHONE REQUIREMENT MEANS ABILITY USE TWO EMBASSY PHONES SIMULTANEOUSLY DURING SAME CONNECTION, I.E., SECRETARIAL TYPE EQUIPMENT? IF SO, NO PROBLEM. ALSO, EMBASSY CONFIDENT LEBANESE PTT AUTHORITIES, WHO HAVE BEEN APPROACHED, WILL MAKE LONG DISTANCE LINES AVAILABLE ON HIGHEST PRIORITY BASIS, I.E., PROVIDE PRIORITY OVERRIDE. THIS HAS BEEN PROMISED AT HIGHEST LEVEL. EMBASSY WILL NOW PURSUE AND DO NECESSARY AT WORKING LEVEL TO CEMENT ARRANGEMENT.

5. GIFTS; AGREE EXCHANGE OF GIFTS. GIFT OFFICER IS FSO THOMAS CAROLAN. LEBANESE AUTHORITIES WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING TYPE OF GIFTS BEING CONSIDERED IN ORDER PERMIT THEM RESPOND INAPPROPRIATE MANNER.

6. MISCELLANEOUS.

A. NO SPECIAL SITUATIONS FORESEEN WHICH MIGHT AFFECT VISIT OTHER THAN SECURITY.

B. LEBANESE MUNICIPAL WATER NOT REPEAT NOT CONSIDERED POTABLE.

C. ELECTRIC CURRENT AT EMBASSY IS 110 VOLTS, 50 CYCLES.

D. RAIN PREVALENT THIS TIME OF YEAR WITH TEMPERATURES
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VARYING BETWEEN 40-65 DEGREES. RAINCOATS OR LIGHT TOPCOATS RECOMMENDED. MEDIUM-WEIGHT SUITS SUITABLE. SWEATERS MIGHT COME IN HANDY FOR THOSE PARTICIPATING NON-OFFICIAL ACTIVITIES.

E. WE SUGGEST THAT MEMBERS OF PARTY WHO ARE FREE FROM OFFICIAL SCHEDULE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OFFER BY GOL OF VISIT TO HISTORICAL SITE AND LUNCH AT BEIT-MERY, 30-MINUTE DRIVE FROM AIRPORT.

7. ALL OTHER REQUIREMENTS REGARDING COURIERS, COMMUNICATIONS:
NEWS MATERIAL, ETC. UNDERSTOOD AND PRESENT NO PROBLEM. SECURITY
SITUATION COVERED IN SEPARATE MESSAGES.

8. FSO ROBERT B. ROBERT B. OAKLEY (HOME TELEPHONE 234516) WILL BE
CONTROL OFFICER. FSO HENRY R. MILLS (HOME TELEPHONE 349908)
WILL BE S/S CONTACT AND WORK WITH THEM THROUGHOUT VISIT.

9. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER SECRETARY'S PARTY WILL INCLUDE
INTERPRETER.

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